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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Confirmation No.: 2611

Kenneth Hillel Peter HARRIS Atty. Docket. No.: P68780US1

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For: SLURRIES CONTAINING IRON COMPOUNDS USED IN THE CASTING OF

METALS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed December 9, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.